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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

May 4, 2016

Re: CC Docket No. 02-33 – Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service by Golden Belt Telephone Association Inc. – Study Area #411777.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the Commission's Wireline Broadband Order, Golden Belt Telephone Association Inc. hereby provides notice of its intent to discontinue offering wireline broadband internet access service on a tariffed basis. Effective July 1, 2016, Golden Belt Telephone Association Inc. plans to offer wireline broadband internet access service on a permissive de-tariffed, common carriage basis.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Beau D. Rebel
General Manager
Golden Belt Telephone Association Inc.
103 Lincoln
Rush Center, KS 67575

CC: Tim Schwane - NECA Region Manager



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I Beau D. Rebel, do certify that I have, on this 4th day of May, 2016:

1. Served by first class mail a copy of the foregoing Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service to the following:

Office of the Governor
Capitol, 300 SW 10th Ave.,
Topeka, KS 66612-1590

Secretary of Defense
Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications
1400 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1400

Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

2. Serviced via paper copy of the Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service to the following:

GBT Communications Inc.
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Notice of Permissive Detariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service
Effective July 1, 2016

Golden Belt Telephone Association Inc.
(Study Area 411777)
103 Lincoln
Rush Center, KS 67575
(785) 372-4236

CC Docket No. 02-33

Golden Belt Telephone Association Inc. hereby provides notice that it intends to cease offering wireline broadband internet access service on a tariffed basis. Effective July 1, 2016 Golden Belt Telephone Association Inc. will begin offering wireline broadband internet access service on a Title II, common carriage, permissive de-tariffed basis pursuant to paragraph 94 of the Federal Communications Commission's Wireline Broadband Order¹. The geographic areas affected are those Golden Belt Telephone Association Inc. exchanges where DSL is technically feasible.

Today, this service is provided to Golden Belt Telephone Association Inc. ISP. The ISP purchases wireline broadband access service for use as a component in their broadband internet service sold to residential and business consumers. End user service provided will not be affected by discontinuance of the tariffed offering by Golden Belt Telephone Association Inc. As stated in the attached customer notice Golden Belt Telephone Association Inc. will continue to offer services to existing ISP customers under current rates, terms and conditions until the end of their current term or upon replacement with a Broadband Commercial Agreement. Broadband Commercial Agreements will be made available in a nondiscriminatory manner to any provider desiring to purchase wireline broadband access service for use as a component in its broadband internet service sold to consumers.

Effective July 1, 2016, Golden Belt Telephone Association Inc., rates, terms and conditions for its permissively de-tariffed wireline broadband access service will be available at its office located at 103 Lincoln, Rush Center, KS 67575 and on its website at www.gbta.net.

¹ See *Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet Over Wireline Facilities, Universal Service Obligations of Broadband Providers*, CC Docket No. 02-33, WC Docket No. 05-271, Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 20 FCC Rcd 14853 (2005). FCC 05-150 (rel. September 23, 2003) ("Wireline Broadband Order").



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RE: CC Docket 02-33 – Notice of Permissive De-tariffing of Wireline Broadband Internet Access Service by
Golden Belt Telephone Association Inc. - Study Area #411777.

Dear GBT Communications:

Our records indicate that GBT Communications Inc. is currently purchasing wholesale broadband transport service from Golden Belt Telephone Association Inc. under NECA Tariff Number 5 ("Tariff"). This letter is to advise you that Golden Belt Telephone Association Inc. study area 411777 will discontinue provision service on July 1, 2016, pursuant to the Tariff. Services will be made available to you on a common carrier, non-tariffed basis. The existing relevant rates, terms and conditions will not change until the end of your term or upon replacement with a Broadband Commercial Agreement. Golden Belt Telephone Association Inc. rates terms and conditions for its non-tariffed wireline broadband access service will be available at its office located at 103 Lincoln, Rush Center, KS 67575 and on its website at www.gbta.net.

The actions described above are taken in accordance with the FCC's Report and Order (FCC 15-150) released September 23, 2015 in Docket No. 02-33. In the order the FCC determined that facilities-based wireline broadband internet service providers could offer their services on a common carrier, permissively de-tariffed basis.

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